

First Look

Shuttle exercise

Portuguese Air Base 4 and 65th Air Base Wing personnel are conducting an exercise today from 10:30 a.m. to about 3 p.m. This will involve the Portuguese search and rescue squadron, and many emergency personnel including fire, police and medical support.

DRMO sale

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office "Cash and Carry" sale is at 9 a.m., today in Building T-581. For more, call 2-3358.

Valentine's dinner

The dinner is 5-9 p.m., Feb. 14, at the Top of the Rock club. New York strip with a whiskey peppercorn sauce or whole main lobster, dessert and wine will be served by candlelight. For more or to reserve seats, call 2-1122 or 3202.

Collectors show

A card and collectibles show is at 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday in the Community Activity Center ballroom. Collectors of all ages can buy, sell and trade their sports cards, memorabilia, stamps, coins, Yu-Gi-Oh cards, Hot Wheels and other collectible items to other Lajes collectors. For more, call Tech. Sgt. Michael Hollandsworth at 2-1246

Preflight

- Days since last DUI 50
- DUIs since Jan. 1 None
- Current AEF Silver (5 & 6)
- Current FPCON Alpha
- Guest DJ:

Senior Airman Jerrell Wright, 65th Communications Squadron
■ Strong Patriot Feb. 13
■ Combat Nighthawk: Capt. Kevin Parker, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Capt. Hafez Nasr**, 65th Medical Operations Squadron; **Master Sgt. Ingrid Marvin**, 65th Air Base Wing; **Master Sgt. Mary Resler**, 65th Operations Support Squadron.

Waterboys show

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Practice roll



Lajes' single and unaccompanied people had the opportunity through Project CHEER to be the first to bowl in the renovated Hillside Lanes bowling center Tuesday and sample the new whoppers at Burger King. The event was a chance for the base populous to break in the new facility and for bowling center and Burger King staff to begin working out any problems before the official grand opening Feb. 11. The bowling center has 16 state-of-the-art bowling lanes. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Robert Valenca)

Squadron, SNCO receive awards

Crossroads staff

A senior NCO and a squadron here were the recipients of two awards from two major commands.

United States Air Forces in Europe named Master Sgt. Vincent Petroff the Outstanding Base-Level Chief of Military Equal Opportunity for 2003. Petroff, who has been at Lajes since November 2002, now competes for Air Force-Level honors.

According to his nomination package, Petroff led a number of initiatives to garner the award including a self-help effort to revitalize the agency's work center.

Sergeant Petroff also

trained 200 Lajes new comers during local "Right Start" briefings. He led a team collecting data for the wing's unit climate assessment of more than 489 people. In addition, Sergeant Petroff helped organize the wing's first Holocaust remembrance ceremony.

"Receiving this award means our numerous office accomplishments have been recognized," Sergeant Petroff said. "It makes all the hard work pay off."

At about the same time, Air Mobility Command named the 729th Air Mobility Squadron's passenger terminal its Small Terminal Unit of the Year for 2003.

The terminal processed more

than 43,000 passengers and 4,400 tons of cargo on nearly 3,000 missions, according to the nomination package. The unit also helped move 553 tons of cargo and 1,462 passengers during Operation Enduring Freedom.

The unit also served as "AMC ambassadors to nine NATO countries." It unloaded and loaded 32 pallets, serviced 266 missions and provided support to six wide-body aircraft, according to the nomination package.

All this came as the squadron ran its terminal operations out of a temporary location. The

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Key spouses 'care' for families

by 1st Lt. Yvonne Levardi
Chief of Public Affairs

In a new Combat Care initiative, spouse liaison from each squadron will keep information lines open between families and the sponsor's unit when the sponsor is TDY or deployed.

Group and squadron commanders appoint an officer and an enlisted spouse to be Lajes "Key Spouses" for each unit.

"Family members, particularly those who are in overseas locations, need to feel they are still part of the Air Force family when their sponsor is TDY or deployed," Elsa Summers, Combat Care assistant manager, said. "That starts with the member's unit. The key spouses will be the link between the unit and the families."

A key spouse differs from a first sergeant in that the spouse of a deployed member may not feel as comfortable sharing certain concerns or feelings with the sponsor's first sergeant, Ms. Summers said.

"They may feel more at ease sharing with another spouse who has experienced family separations," Ms. Summers said.

According to Lt Col David Reynolds, Combat Care manager, some qualifications group and squadron commanders look for in a "key spouse" is someone who will be on-island for at least one year and who has experienced family separation.

"Their experience and being able to count on their continuity will help them in their role as a key spouse," said Ms. Summers. "Because they've been through many of the common problems of having a spouse gone, key spouses know how to help others get through the same problems."

The first training sessions are 9 – 11 a.m. and 6 – 8 p.m., Feb. 5 in Bldg. T-126, the family support center.

Ms. Summers said key spouses will get information from their unit on who is deployed and, if they're accompa-

nied, how to contact the spouse. They keep in contact with the spouse at least once a week – more often if needed. The key spouse will update the family members on squadron activities, Combat Care activities and programs available to them. Some of these are "Give Parents a Break," "Car Care Because We Care," and the Terceira Island Circle.

"Sometimes they just lend a sympathetic ear," Ms. Summers said.

Although Lajes hasn't had many deployable positions in the past, that number is growing. But deployment or TDY isn't the only reason key spouses are needed, Colonel Reynolds said.

"It's especially important to have key spouses at Lajes," said Colonel Reynolds. "People are already separated from their extended families by the Atlantic and the sense of isolation can be numbing at times. The Key spouse can be that point of contact that lends an ear or be-

comes helpful at just the right time."

Ms. Summers said sometimes things just go wrong when the family's sponsor is gone.

"The car breaks down, the kids get sick – if something is going to go wrong, any military spouse will tell you it will happen during a deployment or TDY," Ms. Summers said. "The key spouse has the resources available to help the family cope with these situations. They know who to turn to for assistance and guidance."

Key spouses at other bases have established babysitting co-ops, car pools or chat groups.

"It's all about taking care of each other and keeping one another informed," Colonel Reynolds said. "The family support center already has an informal communications network established – we'd like to expand on that and capitalize on it."

Take that



Senior Airman Bryan Campbell, 729th Air Mobility Squadron, has a spike blocked by Airman 1st Class Pete Saad, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, blocks it during the Project CHEER open-court volleyball at the Chase Fitness Sunday. The court is open 3-6 p.m. every Sunday for open-court volleyball. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner)

Focus Notes

Playstation 2 party

Video game players are invited to the "Super Bowl Challenge & Tailgate Party" at 6 p.m., today, in the Community Activity Center. Gamers will play *Madden 2003*. The event is open to all active-duty military. Organizers asked participants to bring their Playstation 2 consoles, controllers and games. Music, entertainment, and refreshments will be available. This is a Project CHEER event. For more, call Marco Rocha at 2-4135.

Volleyball tournament

A Co-Ed "Blind" Volleyball Tournament is 7 p.m., today, at the Chase Fitness Center. Deadline is 5 p.m., Friday. Players must be at least 18 years old. Teams will consist of three people. Awards will be given for first, second and third place. Refreshments will be provided. This is a Project CHEER and Combat Fitness event. For more information, call Airman Joshua Clark at 2-6126.

Tax time



Ivelysse Corone (left), a base tax adviser here, goes over new 2004 Internal Revenue Service forms with Staff Sgt. Telina Williams, 65th Medical Squadron, at the Lajes Field tax office Tuesday. Lajes Field's tax office opened for business Monday and will remain open until June 15th. For more or to schedule an appointment, call 2-1040 or 2-2420. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Robert Valenca)

At Their Best

NCO Academy

The following technical sergeants graduated from the Kisling NCO Academy in Vogelweh, Germany, Dec. 18. **Kenneth Eveland**, 65th Operations Squadron and **Mark Martinez**, 65th Air Base Wing. Sergeant Kenneth earned the Commandant's Award also.

Quarterly awards

The October- December 2003 Quarterly award winners were:

Portuguese Civilian Category I: **Rita Costa**, 729 Air Mobility Squadron; category II: **Joao Fagundes**, 65 Civil Engineer Squadron

U.S. Civilian Category I: **Terry Agnew**, 65TH CES; category II: **Carol Wood**, 65 Services Squadron

Honor Guard: **Senior Airman Dale Boone**, 65 CES

Airman: **Senior Airman Daniel Magas**, 65 Security Forces Squadron

NCO: **Tech Sgt. Sean Prucha**, 65 Operations Support Squadron

Senior CO: **Master Sgt. Steven Thomas**, 65 CES

Company Grade Officer: **Capt. Timothy Head**, 65 OSS

Waterboys offer two shows

Crossroads staff

Lajes' sports radio talk show will have two broadcasts this weekend highlighting a local event and an annual football tradition.

"The Waterboys" will broadcast 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, from the card and collectibles show in the community activities center ballroom. A special second show will air 7-10 p.m., Sunday, and will be broadcast live from the Top of the Rock club preceding the kickoff of

Super Bowl XXXVIII.

The show will include discussion of the game, interviews and more, according to show host Airman Ryan Spear.

"It will be a great time for anyone interested in the game to get a local take on what could happen," Airman Spear said. "Working with the club, this should be a great broadcast."

The cards and collectibles show includes a number of people looking to trade sports card and other

memorabilia. The show runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tables are free.

According to American Forces Network Online, the following is the listing Super Bowl pre-game coverage:

— 3 p.m., "Sunday NFL Countdown" from ESPN is on AFN Sports.

— 6 p.m., "The Super Bowl Today" from CBS, is on AFN Atlantic and Pacific.

— 10 p.m., "Super Bowl XXXVIII" from CBS is on AFN Atlantic and Pacific.

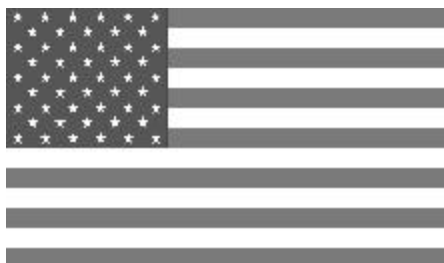
U.S. presences started 50 years ago

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Although the American presence is officially noted as beginning Jan. 9, 1944 with the arrival of about 600 seamen from the 96th Naval Construction Battalion, Jan. 24, 1944, marks the day when Col. (later Brigadier General) A.D. Smith assumed command of all U.S. Army Forces in the Azores.

This marked the first time an American commander officially took command of United States military forces on Terceira.

The most noted date in Lajes Field's history is generally March 16, 1953,



which marks the date the commander of the 1605th Air Base Wing assumed command of all U.S. forces within the Azores.

The first Commander, U.S. Forces Azores was Col. H.L. Smith.

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permanent facility is undergoing renovation by the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, which also helped the mobility team move into its current location.

Lt. Col. Steve Sorensen, the 729th AMS commander, said there were many other deeds accomplished to make the unit a winner. Now the fruits of the labor are visible.

"This is our greatest accomplishment — short of the great job my troops do daily accomplishing our en route mission — in my tour here," Colonel Sorensen said. "It's a flat out exclamation from AMC that we were their #1 Small Terminal Unit in 2003."

Listen up



Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander, talks to Team Lajes members at a wing commander's call Wednesday at the base theater. Col. Jacobi reviewed 2003 and discussed a number of upcoming projects for 2004. She also talked about the wings combat and special interest programs, safety and other issues. (Photo by Guido Melo)

Housing project improves Beira Mar

by 1st Lt. Yvonne Levardi
Chief of Public Affairs

Some housing units in Beira Mar will have work done on doors, entryways and patios between now and June 15.

Under the "Beira Mar entryway, doors and patios" project aimed at improving quality of life, 100 housing units will have work done on mechanical rooms and tiles replaced on patios and entryways.

"This project is a success story – we had the project ready to go during end-of-year closeout, and when extra funds came avail-

able, we were ready to execute it," said Master Sgt. Ric Melendez, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, Simplified Acquisition Base Engineering Requirements chief.

Sergeant Melendez said the project's goal is to improve the dilapidated entrances, patios and mechanical room doors of the units. The work comes from high turnover and use by Lajes families, as well as the harsh weather conditions on Lajes.

"This will improve the look of the house entryways, and ultimately is aimed at improving quality of life," Sergeant Melendez said.

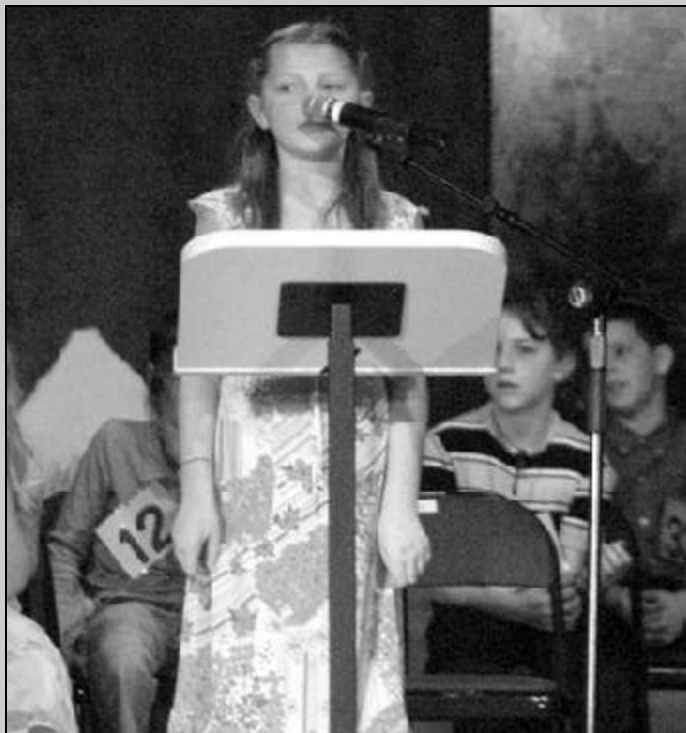
Units T-1500 to T-1510, T-1538 to T-1560

and T-1562 to T-1572 will be worked on between Jan. 20 and June 15. Sergeant Melendez said the contractor will need access to the second floor balconies, and the tile installation will affect the use of some stairs and hallways. The work takes from two hours to a day and a half.

"If your unit is being worked on, you or an authorized adult will have to be home to let the contractor in, and be present for the duration of the work," Sergeant Melendez said.

A representative from the 65th CES SABER office will contact residents with proposed dates, Sergeant Melendez said. For more, call the his office at 2-6817.

Spell K-I-T-T-E-L



(Left) Fourth-grader Katy Herbranson, daughter of Lee Amerson and Airman 1st Class Brandy Mathis, competed in the 2003 Spelling Bee at the Community Activity Center Saturday; (Above picture) Melody Odom, daughter of Jimmy and Cindy Odom, won the contest with the word kittel. Melody is a home-schooled 7th grader. More than 20 students in the 3rd - 8th grade participated in the contest. By winning, Melody has the opportunity to compete with other winners at the regional level in Germany in March. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner)

A new year brings new opportunities

by **Command Chief Master Sgt.
Doug Hodge**
65th Air Base Wing

With 2003 and the wealth of accomplishments we had that year in our rear view mirror, the new year is almost 30 days old and urging us into action.

Across the board in 2004, there will be a dozens of chances for you to get involved. From car washes and bake sales to squadron functions, Lajes will provide the stage for a number of activities this year.

With that in mind, I'd like you to jot down a few on your calendar:

— Annual Awards Banquet, Feb. 27. This year's theme is "Working Together for Freedom." Our guest speaker is Marine Corps Command Sgt. Major John Mersino, The senior enlisted adviser to the commander of the U.S. European Command. If you want to be involved, call Master Sgt. Steve Thomas at 2-6196. Also, you can see Sergeant Major Mersino's bio at www.eucom.mil/directorates/ecse/merisinobio.htm.

— Enlisted Dining Out, May 15. A tradition dating back to the 1930s, we've scheduled our dining out for May 15. Look for opportunities to serve on organizing committees in your e-mail 'in' box, the public folders and elsewhere, for event organizer Senior Master Sgt. Oakley Coleman. We're asking Command Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman, USAFE's command chief, if he'll be our guest speaker. So far, it looks good. If you'd like to get involved, call Sergeant Coleman at 2-3612.

In addition, pencil in another Airman Leadership School class and a Community College of the Air Force graduation in March;

Community Appreciation Day June 5; and our annual senior NCO induction ceremony, tentatively set for September.

There will also be a number of changes of command and one event that hits close to home for me in July — my retirement ceremony. If you're still here, you're invited. More details as those become available.

In between, we'll have First-Term Airman Center classes and more. Many of these events could use your help. I encourage you to lend a hand when the opportunity presents itself.

Standards

Each week, the Crossroads presents us with a tip on how to wear our uniforms and keep our military appearances it's sharpest. That said, the standards are defined in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Appearance of Air Force Personnel. There are also local instructions governing uniform wear and appearance standards.

However, there are a few that I'd like to ensure you clearly understand:

— Backpacks must be black, blue or a jungle camouflage pattern. While in uniform, they can only be worn using one strap over the left shoulder — not both.

— Hats are part of the uniform. There is a local rule that allows you to remove your hat in high winds. However, you must carry it in your left hand and be ready to put it back on your head when the wind dies down. Don't leave your hat on your desk or at home because winds are high. Bring it with and carry it. When the wind dies down, put it on. Winds are considered high when you have to hold your hat on your head.

— Wear of reflective belts are mandatory

when in uniform at dawn, dusk and nighttime hours. It's also a good idea to have on your "racing stripe" if you're logging in a few miles running outside in those same hours. While in uniform, the belt is worn across your hips. It's not a bandolier. So, please don't let your supervisor or me see you wearing it that way.

— Silver nametags are now mandatory on the service-dress jacket and the pullover sweater and have been since Jan. 1. The military personnel flight has guidelines for wear if you're unsure.

Organizations

Finally, a word or two about professional organizations and involvement. Being involved with clubs like the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Noncommissioned Officers Association and others helps you and others.

Don't let the names of those two organizations fool you. Airmen basic, airmen, airmen first class and senior airmen are welcomed to join! AFSA's Chapter 270 is the Lajes' own. It's always looking for members and help organizing events. So, get involved.

Senior NCOs should remain committed to the Multiservice Top 3 while others should support a strong Rising VI. These are all good programs that support the efforts of the wing and what we do in the Azores.

In the coming weeks, I'll be out visiting. I'd love to shake your hand, share a cup of coffee and talk about what's on your mind. I'm out visiting every day, but if you'd like me to come visit your unit, give me office a call at 2-5257 and let me know.

It's yet another busy year. I look forward to serving with all of you in our great Air Force!

Question: Can we get another American ATM on base?

Answer: Pentagon Federal Credit Union owns and operates the ATM machine. PFCU officials say it's not cost effective for them to install another ATM on base. The payback period for our population is approximately 7-10 years. Also, a second machine would split usage without increasing profits. The long payback period and no gain in profits make it cost ineffective.

Question: Why do they check IDs going off base?

Answer: The Portuguese Air Police conduct a base entry/exit system that requires checking IDs and passes while exiting the installation. This check ensures the different types of work and visitor passes are used properly. Some passes are valid for only a certain period of time—checking passes on the way out is one of the methods the Portuguese Air Police use to ensure all personnel follow the rules. It's safe to assume the USFORAZ vehicles

could contain pass-holding guests; therefore all vehicles are checked. Although this process is more stringent than what we're used to in the US, checking all credentials all the time here at Lajes Field maintains the integrity of this system and helps with force protection.

Question: Why isn't there any money being put into the theater?

Answer: Great question and perfect timing! AAFES recently purchased new items for the snack bar area and new sign and advertising light boxes, all of which will be installed very soon. AAFES is also in the process of upgrading the sight and sound equipment. Together, these enhancements will help improve the theater experience for all of the customers at Lajes. In addition to AAFES enhancements, there are two facility projects geared to improve our theater. These projects include a \$125,000 roof repair project and a \$45,000 Heating Ventilation and Air Condition repair project. Both of these projects are in the early stages. Once complete, they will make a big impact to the quality of our theater operation.



The Action Line is your means of addressing a problem, concern or challenge to me about something in the 65th Air Base Wing or U.S. Forces Azores.

I, however, your chain of command should always be your first option. When that's not the answer, then call the Action Line at 2-4240 and I'll address it quickly and with care. Thank you!

Col. Barbara Jacobi
65th Air Base Wing commander

Anesthetist offers insight

Caring for heroes makes life better

by Maj. Susan M. Perry
52nd Medical Operations Squadron

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany — I don't really know his name ... I just call him Carolina.

He was one of a group of Marines air evacuated to our Air Force field hospital during Operation Iraqi Freedom. They had been diverted to us during a terrible windstorm. Some needed surgery; some needed a place to recover before shipping out to the United States or back to their units.

It was a hot April afternoon and we had just started the first surgery when the windstorm hit our base. I had gone into the inpatient unit to assess a Marine scheduled for the next operation. The nurse on the unit directed me to the wrong cot, and that is how I met him.

He was lying there in a cot too small for his frame and he seemed very young and very alone. Sand caked his ears, covered his face, and the amount of sand in his hair made it impossible to identify its color.

"Where are you from, Marine?" I asked him.

"North Carolina, Ma'am," he said with an accent that instantly hit a familiar place in my heart.

I smiled and said, "Hello Carolina, I'm from North Carolina too."

For the first time since he had caught my eye, he smiled. We talked for a while. He had been in Iraq, sleeping in those sand bunkers we had seen on CNN. He was in the group that took the palaces. The things that drew us to the television everyday, he was living.

He had undergone a field appendectomy during the conflict and that was the reason he was evacuated to our facility. I checked his wound and it looked fine, so I left to interview another patient.

Later that day the medical group donated money to go and buy the Marine some soap, shampoo, underclothes and basic toiletries. Necessity had forced them to leave their units with only the clothes on their backs. One by one they showered and put on clean clothes. Each of them more appreciative than the last for a hot shower and clean, dry socks.

It was a long day and the sand storm that had hit our base shortly after their arrival had complicated things all day. We had almost lost power to the hospital operating room and had actually done some minor surgical procedures in the critical care unit. Our own living quarters had blown over, scattering our belongings around the camp.

Before going to bed that night, I stopped by to see Carolina. After having washed several layers of sand off in the shower, he was much cleaner. However, when I walked up to his cot, I stopped short. His feet were outside the blanket. In my 14 years as a military nurse I had

seen many wounds, but never had I seen feet in such terrible condition. They appeared raw, and the bottoms looked as if a cheese grater had removed the skin.

He saw my face and said, "Ma'am, these look good now."

He explained that the Marines had operated in harsh field conditions for more than a month with little opportunity to change socks or clean their feet. My heart wept and I felt ashamed that at times we had complained about the living conditions at our camp.

Carolina had seen and done many things during operations in Iraq and his inner turmoil affected us both. He asked questions for which I had no immediate answers. I left him with a promise to think about what he asked and told him I would be back the next morning.

That night, lying in my cot, I thought about what Carolina had shared with me. He was looking for validation that his actions were important. He also had a choice to make. He could go home and recover from his wounds or choose to go back to his unit.

The next morning I went to see Carolina. He had talked to the chaplain and psychologist and he seemed happier. I told him I had thought about his questions of the night before. I told him he was a hero and so were the other Marines in these units.

I explained that their acts had saved their fellow soldiers and helped countless Iraqi people. Before I could ask about his decision to return home he said, "I'm going to go back to my unit."

A short time later, Carolina did just that.

Years ago a senior nurse told me that becoming a nurse anesthetist might hurt my military career. She explained that in the anesthesia career field there wouldn't be many opportunities for direct patient care and that all my patients would be asleep. This hasn't been the case at all. Carolina reminded me of that fact.

Deployed heroes don't have family members kiss them before they roll into the operating room or sit by their beds and listen. But we are there to talk with them; make sure they know someone cares. In the truest sense of the word, we are their family.

There are many reasons for medical professionals to leave the military—frequent deployments, lower pay than their civilian counterparts and more military administrative duties. All these reasons are real, but what is also real are the moments you meet a hero and know your lives are both better for the encounter.

So, from now on when someone asks why I stay in the Air Force I'll tell them, "I don't really know his name ... I just call him 'Carolina'."

(Editor's note: National Nurse Anesthetist Appreciation Week is Jan. 25-31.)



Everyday Hero

Laura Hillebrand Army and Air Force Exchange Service

Duty Title: Theatre supervisor

Job description: Oversee theatre operations, train projectionists, prepare monthly schedules, and coordinate special events at the theatre.

How long have you been associated with the Air Force: I am a lifelong military nomad, born to a military father, married a military member, so I guess 30 years!!

Time at Lajes: This is my second tour here, with a total of three years now.

What's the best aspect of your job: Being able to work directly with the Lajes community. Movies can be a great escape, and I love being able to bring that to our community.

Spouse and children: I have been married to the most wonderful man in the world, Marc, for 12 years. We have one beautiful daughter, Shelby, 11.

What do you like about the Air Force: I love being a military wife. I have friends around the globe, and I consider all of them extended family.

What are your career goals: I want to continue my work with AAFES. Whatever I do, I always want to work directly with the military community.

Life goal: Be happy, travel through Europe by train and retire down south where I can be with family and friends.

Best Air Force Experience: Every experience has been unique. Picking one would be tough!

Hometown: Biloxi, Miss.

One word to describe you: Cheerful

Hobbies: Camping, snorkeling and computer games

Favorite food: Olive Garden's Zuppa Toscana Soup and Salad

Pet peeve: Dishonesty

No one knows I'm: Completely obsessed with Siamese cats! I have two, and when my husband and I retire, we want to breed them.

Assignment listing

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for overseas assignments for the October-to-December cycle will be available Wednesday.

Individuals need to contact the military personnel flights to update their preferences by Feb. 19, said officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here. Airmen will be notified of their selection by mid-March.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements, by Air Force specialty code and rank. People should review, prioritize and update their assignment preferences based on the EQUAL list, officials said.

People can view the lists on the AFPC home page at afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm or at MPF. Those on temporary duty during the advertising period can contact the nearest personnel office for assistance. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Security risk

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. — Carrying the latest "have-to-have" electronic gadget may mean big trouble for the person who brings it into unauthorized locations.

Officials from the National Security Agency said in an advisory that new cellular phones with integral digital cameras pose an unacceptable security risk to homeland security. This type of phone is not authorized for use or possession within any Air Force facility processing classified information without written authorization from the designated approval authority.

"Communications are getting faster and easier," said Jane Guidicini, Air Force Communications Agency certified emission security technical authority. "While that does help speed communications, it can also unfortunately allow classified information to get out of a classified area inadvertently or otherwise."

If someone in a restricted area has one of the phones with a camera capability and a security forces troop discovers it, he or she would be forced to confiscate the camera for review of unlawful images, said Tech. Sgt. Shon Kloepping, 72nd Security Forces Squadron non-commissioned officer in charge of physical security.

Additionally, civilian employees could face federal charges and

Predator



TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq — Senior Airman Robert Mascorro marshals an RQ-1 Predator aircraft here Jan. 20. The Predator is a remotely piloted vehicle that provides real-time surveillance imagery supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Airman Mascorro is assigned to the 46th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Suzanne Jenkins)

military members could face federal charges and Uniform Code of Military Justice actions, he said.

If people see someone using any unauthorized camera without coordinating with base agencies, contact the base security forces squadron, said Peter Bryant, Air Force Materiel Command security forces directorate information security chief. (AFPN)

Seeking recruiters

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Air Force Reserve Command officials are looking for exceptional airmen and noncommissioned officers to become Reserve recruiters.

"We have a number of openings for recruiters throughout the country," said Capt. Chuck Pittman, chief of the Air Force Reserve Recruiting Service operations branch at AFRC headquarters here.

Recruiters serve a full-time active Guard and Reserve tour for four years at one of more than 190 locations in the United States and overseas. In some cases, applicants can perform recruiting duty at their current location; however, Captain Pittman said, the needs of the Air Force Reserve come first.

"This is a great special-duty assignment for someone looking for a challenge," the captain said.

Applicants must be airman first class through master sergeant and meet qualifications spelled out in Air Force Manual 36-2108, Air Force Instruction 36-2115 and

AFRC's recruiting policy. If selected, master sergeant applicants must take a voluntary demotion to technical sergeant before beginning their AGR tour.

Those selected for recruiter duty attend a weeklong evaluation and selection course here. If chosen, they must then attend a six-week course at the Air Force Reserve Recruiting School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Recruiters can earn up to \$450 a month in special-duty pay. Also, they can attend professional military education in residence or by correspondence.

Local senior Air Force Reserve recruiters have more information. (AFPN)

TRICARE Standard

WASHINGTON — People covered by the TRICARE Standard military health care plan no longer need approval from their military treatment facility to seek inpatient care at civilian hospitals.

The need to get a nonavailability statement before seeking civilian inpatient care expired Dec. 28 under a provision of the 2002 National Defense Authorization Act. A nonavailability statement indicates that care is not available from the military facility and authorizes care at a civilian facility.

An exception in the law continues the requirement for TRICARE Standard beneficiaries to get a nonavailability statement before

seeking nonemergency inpatient mental health care services. However, officials said, this applies only to beneficiaries who use TRICARE Standard or Extra, who are not Medicare eligible, and who have no other health insurance that is primary to TRICARE. Department of Defense officials do not require preauthorization for TRICARE beneficiary inpatient mental health care when Medicare is the primary payer.

A military treatment facility may request a departmental waiver of the new policy in certain specific, but limited, circumstances. But those requests do not apply to maternity services, unless the affected beneficiary began her first prenatal visit before Dec. 28, officials said.

Any military treatment facility granted a waiver must publish a notice in the Federal Register that a nonavailability statement is required for a certain procedure. Officials at the treatment facility, the services and the TRICARE Management Activity will notify the affected beneficiaries if this occurs, officials said. Maternity patients should check with their local military treatment facility to compare maternity services there with those available in civilian facilities, said Military Health System officials.

A recently implemented "Family-Centered Care" program offers enhanced services and recognizes the unique needs of military families in today's climate of increasing deployments and high operations tempo, officials said. Beneficiaries can review the enhanced military treatment facility maternity services online and with their military medical care provider.

Beneficiaries can check the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil if they are seeking an inpatient service and want to know if their nearby military treatment facility applied for a nonavailability statement waiver. They also may contact the beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator or health benefits adviser at their nearest treatment facility, officials said.

Before seeking care at a civilian facility, military health system officials urge beneficiaries to check with their nearby military treatment facility to compare services and ask questions. Even if the facility could not provide the needed services in the past, the facility's staffing levels or capabilities may have changed, and they might now be available, officials said. (AFPN)

Reflective belts save lives

by Senior Airman Jason Curra
USAFE News Service

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy - Every day, airmen around the world are faced with, and conquer, complex challenges. Still each year military members and dependents are killed in pedestrian accidents.

The regulations on the use of reflective gear are widespread. At almost all commanders' calls and staff meetings, the topic of reflective belts is discussed. Airmen are normally issued the proper equipment upon arriving at their duty section, but it is still common to find military members running from cars and entering the

Base Exchange without a reflective belt. Common excuses are: "I forgot it at home," or "It's in the car," but these same airman would never be caught without their hats or other mandatory uniform items.

The simple fact is that wearing the proper reflective equipment is not only mandatory, but it might also save your life. In The United States alone, pedestrians and bicyclists account for approximately 5,000 deaths and 123,000 injuries a year, in traffic accidents. According to the National Center for Statistics and Analysis, on average, a pedestrian is killed in a motor vehicle crash every 108 minutes, and one is injured every seven

minutes.

As outlined in Air Force Occupational Safety and Health 91-501, all military members in uniform are required to wear reflective gear in times of low visibility. In some cases, major commands and wings around the Air Force have employed stricter regulations.

It is difficult to say what will make all military members comply with the current standard. Hopefully accidents do not need to happen in each unit, to open the eyes of all its airmen. Understanding the importance of this standard is not only important to the Air Force mission, but also to its members' survival.



Today: 7 p.m. "Haunted Mansion" PG. Cast includes Eddie Murphy and Jennifer Tilly. Real estate agent Jim and his family visit an old mansion, thinking they're just stopping by to check out the property. Soon the Evers crew is stranded there, along with 999 creepy ghosts. Mr. Evers discovers that the only way to escape from the spooky house is to find a key. Rated PG for frightening image, thematic elements and language. **10 p.m.** "Honey" PG-13. Cast includes Jessica Alba and Mekhi Phifer. Honey Daniels is an up-and-going choreographer who finds her career in jeopardy after she refuses to reciprocate the sexual advances of a music-industry bigwig. Determined to pick herself back up, Honey goes back to the inner-city of her Youth

with plans of starting a dance school. Rated PG-13 for drug content and some sexual references.

Saturday: 7 p.m. "Love Don't Cost a Thing" PG-13. Cast includes Nick Cannon and Christina Millian. Alvin stars as a brilliant but awkward teenager who seizes a golden opportunity when popular cheerleader Paris wrecks her parent's car and is strapped for cash. Alvin pays Paris to pretend to be his girlfriend with hopes of elevating his social standing. Little does he know, being popular isn't all its cracked up to be. Rated PG-13 for sexual content and humor.

Sunday: 2 p.m. "Haunted Mansion" PG. 7 p.m. "Honey" PG-13

Tuesday: 7 p.m. "Love Don't Cost a Thing" PG-13.

Wednesday: 7 p.m. "Haunted Mansion" PG.

Thursday: 7 p.m. "Honey" PG-13.

Dress and Appearance

Tip are taken from Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Appearance of Air Force Personnel

Uniform tips for women

■ Cosmetics should be conservative and in good taste. Finger nail polish should be conservative, a single color and in good taste. French manicures are allowed, but ornamentation on nails is not.

■ For earring wear, women are authorized to wear one small spherical, conservative, diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver pierced, or clip earring per earlobe and the earring worn in each earlobe must match. Earring should fit tightly without extending below the earlobe. Exception: the connecting band on clip earrings.

For other jewelry, necklaces must be concealed under collar or undershirt. Watches must be conservative. Bracelets should also be conservative, can be no wider than one inch and must not present a safety hazard. Women can wear a maximum of three rings at any time.

■ "French manicures that are natural and clear with white tips are considered conservative and in good taste. This type of nail polish is authorized."



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Sports briefs

Fitness Monopoly

Everyone's welcome to play at the fitness center when working out, by rolling the dice once a day and doing whatever the property landed on asks. For more, call Senior Airman Sarah Haylett at 2-6390.

Portuguese pro hoops

The 15th Cup of the Professional Basketball League of Portuguese Clubs on island is at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb 6 at 3:30 p.m. and Feb. 8, at the Municipal Sports Pavilion in Angra. The tournament will feature Portugal's top professional teams: FC Porto; Ginasio; Ovarense; Cab Madeira, Queluz; Belenenses; Oliveirenses and Lusitania. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Paintball

Everyone is welcome to play 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Feb. 7 and 21. Sign ups are at outdoor recreation three days in advance. Eight to 25 people can play, participants must be at least 16, and it is \$20 a person. Price includes transportation, a Co2 cartridge and a full face mask. For more, call 2-4140.

Sailing trip

The trip is 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Feb. 14. Sign ups are at outdoor recreation three days before the trip. It is \$55 dollars per person, six-10 people can go and children must be at least five. For more, call 2-4140.

Volleyball tournament

The co-ed tournament begins at 7 p.m., Feb. 13, at the fitness center. Four person teams need to be registered by 5 p.m. Awards will be given to the first place team. Players must be at least 18. For more, call Senior Airman Sarah Haylett at 2-6126.

Taekwondo

Classes are 6:15-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays for 5-12 year olds, 6:15-7:30 p.m., Thursdays for 13 and up, and 10 a.m., Saturday, at the fitness center. For more, call Airman Joshua Clark at 2-6126.

Yoga

Classes are at 9 a.m., Saturdays, at the fitness center. For more, call Airman Joshua Clark at 2-6126.

Serving



Senior Airman Christopher Day, 65th Contracting Squadron, serves during an intramural racquetball game at the gym Tuesday. Racquetball matches are played at the gym every Tuesday at 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Photo by Ted McGinley)

AFN weekend sports

Friday

AFN-Sports:

Tennis: Australian Open – Men's semifinal match, 6 p.m.

NBA: New Orleans Hornets @ Philadelphia 76ers, 11 p.m.

Saturday

AFN-Sports

Tennis: Australian Open – Women's final, 1:30 a.m.

Motorcycle racing: FIM – Speedway Grand Prix Year in Review, 4 a.m.

College Basketball: Patriot League – Army @ Navy, 7 a.m.

NBA: New Orleans Hornets @ Philadelphia 76ers, 11 a.m.

Cleveland Cavaliers @ Milwaukee Bucks, 1 p.m.

College Basketball: SEC – Kentucky @ Vanderbilt, 4 p.m.

Conference USA – Marquette @ Louisville, 7 p.m.

Sports Special: Triathlon – XTerra World Championship, 9 p.m.

Track & Field: 2004 Boston Indoor meet, 10 p.m.

NHL: Carolina Hurricanes @ Detroit Red Wings, 11 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic

College Basketball: Big Ten – Michigan @ Illinois, 5:30 p.m.

ACC – Duke @ Georgia Tech, 9 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

NBA: Cleveland Cavaliers @ Milwaukee Bucks, 1:30 a.m.

College Football: 2004 The Villages

Gridiron Classic, 4 p.m.

Sunday

AFN-Sports

Tennis: Australian Open – Men's Final, 2

a.m.

College Basketball: PAC-10 – Arizona @ Washington State, 7 a.m.

Champions Tour: Champions Skins game, 10 a.m.

NBA: Philadelphia 76ers @ Minnesota Timberwolves, 6 p.m.

Figure Skating: 2004 US Figure Skating Championships – Paris Short Program, 10 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic

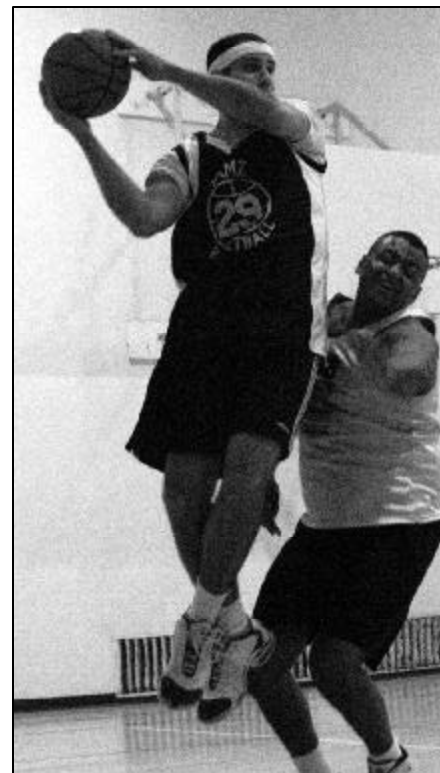
College Basketball: PAC-10 – Stanford @ Oregon, 11 a.m.

NFL: Super Bowl XXXVIII – Carolina Panthers vs. New England Patriots, 10 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

College Basketball: Big Ten – Indiana @ Michigan State, midnight

NFL: Super Bowl XXXVIII – Carolina Panthers vs. New England Patriots, 10 p.m.



Playoff hoops

Clockwise from above: JAMS' Thomas Hardy (with ball) shoots over 65th Security Forces players; JAMS' Aaron Wiley (top right) attempts to pass around SFS' Ray Hankins; SFS' Brandon Holliman and JAMS' Brett Robinson scramble for the ball. JAMS beat SFS 48-34 Monday night, but lost to CES Fire 50-40 Wednesday. Meanwhile, CES beat COMM 74-55 Monday. Angra forfeited to CES Wednesday in playoff action. (Photos by Tech. Sgt. Jason Tudor)



Who do you think will win the Super Bowl Sunday and why?



Tracy Campbell

"Patriots, they played a good game during the 2001 Super Bowl, and I think they can do it again. I also like their colors."



**Senior Airman
Trent Farmer**

"Patriots, they have Super Bowl experience and they're the hottest team in the NFL right now."



Karyme Brooks

"Panthers."



**Senior Airman
Thomas Hardy**

"Patriots, because they have been there before so they have the Super Bowl experience."

"The Waterboys" will air a live broadcast 7-10 p.m., Sunday, from the Top of the Rock club preceding the kickoff of Super Bowl XXXVIII. E-mail your picks toisland96waterboys@yahoo.com and the waterboys will read them on the air!

PLANNER

Today

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-6p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

Beauty Shop: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Chapel: Catholic Rosary for Peace in the Word, 6:30 a.m.; Mass, 7 a.m.; Confessions 3-3:30 p.m.; CWOC Mass (1st Friday of the month) 5:30 p.m.; Gospel Choir Practice, 7 p.m.

Fitness Center: Open 5 a.m.-midnight.

Child Development Center: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Community Activities Center: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Dining Hall: Breakfast 6-8:30 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Seafood Newburg, Beef and Corn Pie, and Roast Turkey; Dinner 4 - 7 p.m., Simmered Corn Beef, Pineapple Chicken, Yankee Pot Roast. Midnight meal, 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

Dry Cleaners: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Library: Open 10 a.m.-6 pm.

Oceanview Island Grill: Lasagna,

fries or salad and drink; Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

School Lunch: Sliced turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, dinner roll, seasoned green beans, chilled fruit mixed, milk.

Skating Rink: Open 7-11 p.m.

Skills Development Center: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Teen Center: Teen social, 9 p.m.-midnight.

Top of the Rock Club: Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., seafood buffet. Dinner 5-9 p.m., Prime and Wine

Saturday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

Beauty Shop: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Chapel: Mass, 10 a.m.; Gospel Children's Choir Practice, 2 p.m.

Fitness Center: Open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Child Development Center: Closed

Community Activities Center: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Dining Hall: Brunch 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Savory Baked Chicken, Swedish Meatballs, and Creole Shrimp; Supper 4 - 7 p.m., Baked Fish, Hungarian Goulash, BBQ Chicken. Midnight meal 11 p.m.-1 a.m.

Dry Cleaners: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Library: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oceanview Island Grill: Open 11

a.m.-11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Skating Rink: Open 7-11 p.m.

Skills Development Center: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Teen Center: Teen social 8 p.m.-midnight.

Top of the Rock Club: Brunch 8:30 a.m.-noon. Huff and Fin dinner special 5-9 p.m.

Sunday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Shoppette: Open noon-8 p.m.

Beauty Shop: Closed

Chapel: Traditional Protestant service, 9 a.m.; Catholic religious education, 9 a.m.; Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Mass, 10:30 a.m.; Religious Education, 10:30 a.m.; Gospel service & Fellowship, noon; Catholic choir rehearsal, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.; Rosary and Adoration, 5:40 p.m.; PYOC/PTOC, 6:15 p.m.

Fitness Center: Open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Child Development Center: Closed

Community Activities Center: Open noon-5 p.m.

Commissary: Closed

Dining Hall: Brunch 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Oven Fried Fish, Cantonese Spareribs, Grilled Mustardy Chicken; Supper 4 - 7 p.m., Stir Fry Beef w/ Broccoli, Turkey Nuggets, Steak, Loin Strip; Short Order: Cheese Pizza and Reuben Sandwich.

Dry Cleaners: Closed

Gas Station: 10 a.m.-5p.m. (Gas only)

Library: Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oceanview Island Grill: Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation: Open 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Skating Rink: Closed

Skills Development Center: Closed.

Top of the Rock Club: Bits & Bites menu, 4 p.m.

Monday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

Beauty Shop: Closed

Chapel: Catholic Rosary for Peace in the Word, 6:30 a.m.; Mass, 11:30 a.m.; Women's Bible study, 7 p.m.

Fitness Center: Open 5 a.m.-midnight

Child Development Center: Open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Community Activities Center: Closed

Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Dining Hall: Breakfast 6-8:30 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Pot Roast, Baked Stuffed Fish, Roast Pork Loin; Dinner 4 - 7 p.m., Beef Canelloni, Chili Mac, and Southern

fried chicken. Midnight meal 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

Dry Cleaners: Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Gas only)

Library: Open 4-9 p.m.

Oceanview Island Grill: Meatball sandwich, fries or salad and drink; Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation: Closed

School Lunch: Cheese pizza dip-pers, carrot and celery sticks, seasoned corn, and sweetened applesauce, Rice Krispie bar, milk.

Skills Development Center: Closed

Top of the Rock Club: Lunch, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Southern buffet.

Tuesday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

Beauty Shop: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Chapel: Catholic Rosary for Peace in the Word, 6:30 a.m.; Mass, 7 a.m.; Confessions 3-3:30 p.m.; AWANA (3 yrs to 6 grade) 6 p.m.; Catholic Women of the Chapel (3rd Tuesday of the month), 7 p.m.

Fitness Center: Open 5 a.m.-midnight

Child Development Center: Open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Community Activities Center: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Dining Hall: Breakfast 6-8:30 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Teriyaki Chicken, Veal Parmesan, and Salmon Cakes; Dinner 4 - 7 p.m., Country Captain Chicken, Meat Loaf, Turkey a La King. Midnight meal 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

Dry Cleaners: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Library: Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Oceanview Island Grill: 16" pizza with 2 toppings and drinks; Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

School Lunch: hamburger on a bun, lettuce, tomato and pickles, curley fries, sweetened applesauce, Rice Krispie Bar, milk.

Skills Development Center: Open noon-8 p.m.

Top of the Rock Club: Lunch, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Mexican buffet. Dinner 5-9 p.m.

Wednesday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

Beauty Shop: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Chapel: Catholic Rosary for Peace in the Word, 6:30 a.m.; Mass, 7 a.m.; PMOC lunch/study noon; Confessions 3-3:30 p.m.; Catholic men of the

chapel (2nd Wednesday of the month) 6p.m.; Traditional choir practice, 6 p.m.; Bell choir practice 7p.m.; Catholic choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Fitness Center: Open 5 a.m.-midnight

Child Development Center: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Community Activities Center: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Dining Hall: Breakfast 6-8:30 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., BBQ Ham Steak, Turkey and Noodles, and Beef Ball Stroganoff; Dinner 4 - 7 p.m., Lemon-Herbed Chicken, BBQ Spareribs, and Stuffed Pork Chops. Midnight meal 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

Dry Cleaners: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Library: Open 10 a.m.-9p.m.

Oceanview Island Grill: Fried shrimp, fries or salad and drink; Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

School Lunch: Popeye's chicken fries, crispy potato wedges, baked roll, and tossed garden salad, applesauce, milk.

Top of the Rock Club: Lunch, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Italian Buffet. Dinner 5-9 p.m. Family Buffet

Thursday

AAFES: Flight View BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ocean Front BX: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Shoppette: Open 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

Beauty Shop: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Chapel: Catholic Rosary for Peace in the Word, 6:30 a.m.; Mass 7 a.m.; Confessions 3-3:30 p.m.; RCIA, 7 p.m.; Gospel Praise Team practice and Men's Bible study, 7 p.m.

Fitness Center: Open 5 a.m.-midnight

Child Development Center: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Community Activities Center: Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Commissary: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Dining Hall: Breakfast 6-8:30 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Herbed Baked Chicken, Stuffed Cabbage Rolls, and Southern Fried Catfish; Dinner 4 - 7 p.m., Roast Loin of Pork, Jaegerschnitzel, and Glazed Cornish Hen. Midnight meal 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

Dry Cleaners: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Gas Station: Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Library: Open 10 a.m.-9p.m.

Oceanview Island Grill: Taco salad and drink; Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation: Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

School Lunch: Ravioli with meatsauce, carrot and celery sticks, garlic toast, chilled peaches, cookie, milk.

Skills Development Center: Open noon-8 p.m.

Top of the Rock Club: Lunch, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Oriental buffet. Dinner 5-9 p.m., 2-4-1 Steak Nigh

EVENTS

The deadline for announcements on this page is C.O.B. Monday for each week's paper. Submit announcements in normal text with the what, when, where, who, why and contact info in an email to news@lajes.af.mil. Dates and times should be in civilian format, and include full name of P.O.C.

Closures/Shifts

MPF facelift: The military personnel flight, Bldg. T-112 is being re-carpeted. The Housing flight temporarily moved to the main housing area, and the Civilian Personnel office moved into the main civilian personnel area. Non-appropriated Funds is in the American Red Cross area, and DoDDS is in Bldg. T-100.

Education

Spouse scholarships: 30 scholarships are awarded each year to spouses of active duty Air Force, National Guard and Air Force Reserve. Application deadline is Saturday. Applications are available at the Air Expeditionary Force website www.aef.org, by calling AEF at (800) 291-8480, or at the base education office. Call the education office at 2-3355/5291 for more.

Academic advisor: University of Maryland's academic advisor visits the island Tuesday-Feb. 6. For more, call 2-4187 or e-mail melinda.casey@lajes.af.mil to make an appointment for academic advice.

NCO retraining: The Fiscal Year '04 NCO retraining program has begun. Retrain from Air Force Specialty Codes with NCO overages to AFSCs with NCO shortages. The voluntary phase of the program ends Feb. 23. If necessary, an involuntary phase will run Mar. 8-Apr. 26. Call Senior Airman Jennifer Parker at 2-5143 for details.

Classes

Bundles for Babies: 1-4 p.m., Thursday, at the Family Support Center. Expecting and new mothers will learn about special care, nutrition and budgeting for the baby. Receive a free baby bundle gift, sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society. Call 2-4138 to sign up.

Stamp class: Free 'Introduction to Rubber Stamping' class, 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, at the family support center, given by Terceira Island Circle. Call 2-4138 to reserve a spot. Coming in March - 'Introduction to Cross Stitching.'

Budgeting class: Free budgeting/credit class, 6-8 p.m., Thursday, in the family support center classroom, Bldg T-126. For more call 2-4138.

Car buying: Free car buying

class, 6-8 p.m., Feb. 12, in classroom T-126 at the family support center. For more, call 2-4138.

Diabetes group: The 65th Medical Group is forming a diabetes support group. To join or participate, contact Maj. Aura Melendez at 2-5077.

Charities committee: The base chapel sponsors a base charities committee that helps meet the needs of base personnel and local nationals. The "Chapel Charities Closet" opens 11 a.m.-2p.m. on Saturdays in Bldg. T-426. To donate, drop off clothing that can be delivered to the local orphanages and nursing homes. To volunteer for the committee or get involved in the community and base chapel, call Silvia DeJesus at 295-549-430 or 2-1304, or call the base chapel at 2-4211.

AFSA meeting: Air Force Sergeants' Association general membership meeting, 4 p.m., Feb. 25 at the Top of the Rock club Summit room. Contact Master Sgt. Tom Dexter at 2-3423 or Master Sgt. Vincent Petroff at 2-6111 for more.

Events

SOTC dinner: Singles of the Chapel dine and study the bible at 7 p.m., Saturday, at Staff Sgt. John Melly's home. Call Senior Airman Beth Turner at 2-3606 or Airman 1st Class Kara Boone at 2-6268 for more.

Cards and Collectibles: Card and Collectibles show, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday in the community activity center ballroom. Collectors of all ages can buy, sell and trade their sports cards, memorabilia, stamps, coins, Yu-Gi-Oh cards, Hot Wheels and other collectible items to other Lajes collectors. Contact Tech. Sgt. Michael Hollandsworth at 2-1246 for more.

Lunch series: Brown bag series, "Evangelizing the Baptized", noon, Tuesday, at the base chapel. Call Ms. Anne Birch at 2-4211 for more.

Dolphin watching: 8-11 a.m., Feb. 8. Sign up by Thursday at outdoor recreation. \$45 dollars per person, ages five and above, six-nine participants. Call 2-4140 for more.

Fried catfish: The African American Awareness Committee has a Southern fried catfish fundraiser 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 6, at the base chapel. Each plate consists of two pieces of catfish, French fries, Hushpuppies, and a drink for

\$5. Pre-orders and deliveries are available. Call Airman 1st Class Boone at 2-6268 for more.

Valentine's banquet: Protestant Women of the Chapel, 7 p.m., Feb. 6 at the Top of the Rock club. Call Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Franke at 2-4211 for more.

Friday Mass: Catholic Women of the Chapel will attend the First Friday Mass in San Sebastian. Meet at the base chapel at 5 p.m., Feb. 6, to carpool to Mass. Dinner at A Ilha restaurant to follow. Call Ms. Anne Birch at 2-4211 for more.

SOTC breakfast: Singles of the Chapel breakfast, 9 a.m., Feb. 7, at the base chapel. Call Senior Airman Beth Turner at 2-3606 or Airman 1st Class Kara Boone at 2-6268 for more.

"Room for Six": Six single or unaccompanied Lajes members are invited to a free home-cooked meal at a "home," every first Saturday of the month. Dinner is served at 6 p.m., Feb. 7. February's menu is spaghetti and homemade meatballs, garlic bread, salad, dessert and a beverage. Call Ms. Danielle Posey or Tech Sgt. Aubrey Posey at 295-549-825 to reserve a spot.

Burger King: Grand Opening Ceremony, 10-11 a.m., Feb. 11, at the bowling alley, Bldg. T-169. Regular hours will be 7 a.m.-11 p.m., Sunday-Thursday, and 7a.m.-1 a.m., Friday and Saturday. Call Burger King at 295-543-477 for more.

Movie marathon: Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movies start at 8 p.m., Feb. 13, at the base theater. "Paycheck"—PG-13, "Mona Lisa Smile"—PG-13, and "The Last Samarai"—R. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance at the theater or the Ocean View BX's cashier's cage. Call Laura Hillebrand at 2-4100 for more.

"Valentine's dinner": 5-9 p.m., Feb. 14, at the Top of the Rock club. Dinner, served by candlelight, includes a New York strip with a whiskey peppercorn sauce or whole main lobster, dessert and wine. Call 2-1122/3202 to reserve a spot.

Volunteers/Jobs

AAFES theatre: US position available. Must be 18 yrs or older and be able to work weekends and nights. Applications can be picked up at the theatre or at the Human Resources office in Bldg. T-800. Call Laura Hillebrand at 2-4100 for more.

Family readiness: Family

Readiness needs a volunteer assistant who enjoys talking to people, and has good organizational skills to help maintain a program dedicated to families of deployed troops. Requires a 6 month minimum commitment. Free childcare is available. Call 2-4138 for more.

Airman's Attic: The Airmen's Attic needs a volunteer to accept donations, sort merchandise, keep the attic organized, and provide customer service. Free childcare is available. Visit Bldg. T-125 or call 2-4146 or 2-4138.

Tumbling instructor: The Lajes Youth Center needs a tumbling instructor to teach ages 3 and up. Contact Jolene Wilkinson at 2-1197, in the afternoon.

Tax volunteers: Volunteers needed from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, until June 15, at the Tax Center Bldg., T-426, room 104. Maturity, professionalism, communication skills, customer service skills and light administrative or basic office skills are required. No computer skills necessary. Call Mrs. Ivelysse Coronel at 2-1040 or 2-2420 to volunteer.

WICO position: Women, Infants, and Children Overseas part-time position opens July 1. Requires a Bachelors of Science in Nutrition, Dietetics, Nursing or Home Economics. Experience in prenatal, maternal or infant nutrition required. Registered dietitian preferred. Experience with WIC desirable. Must have current driver's license. Call Nora Blohm at 2-1440 or 295-549-465, or e-mail a resume, cover letter and a copy of applicable licenses to: edibiase@cmse.net or wicjobs@cmse.net, or fax to: 0039-0434-66-4640 or (210) 341-3455. Mail information to Choctaw Management Services Enterprise, Attn: WIC Overseas, 2161 NW Military Hwy, Suite 308, San Antonio, TX 78213, Ph: (210) 341-3336. For more information about job opportunities with WIC Overseas, visit www.cmse.net.

Substitute nurse: The Lajes Elementary School needs a substitute nurse. Visit www.odedodea.edu/pers/employment for more information and application materials. For more, call 2-3491.

PFCU position: Pentagon Federal Credit Union needs a branch service representative. Previous banking experience preferred and DEROS must be after June 05. Apply at Bldg. T-202 or call 295-513-221 for more.